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To: Palmer Hough/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Phyllis Webber Scannell and State of Alaska contract
Attachments: 2012 07 21 Agency Contract #IHP-1 0-021.pdf

Palmer,

Attached to this email are documents that I just came across that came from the Alaska Dep't of Fish and Game. The documents relate to ADFG work with Phyllis Webber Scannell, a watershed assessment peer reviewer and current State of Alaska contractor. Here are some noteworthy pages:

The State entered into contract with Ms. Scannell most recently in January 20, 2012 for three years for \$50,000 (contract starts on p. 53, with the scope of work on p. 56) that includes large mining projects in Alaska, including Pebble. The contract is to "provide scoping comments, recommendations, and fish and wildlife impact analysis to ADF&G on water quality, solid waste disposal permits, aquatic toxicology and other related issues associated with large mine projects in or potentially affecting Alaska (p. 59). The funding for the contract apparently partially comes from Pebble, via the Pebble-State of Alaska Reimbursable Services Agreement (p. 60). This is basically a repeat of the same contract entered into for \$50,000 for 2010-2011 (see p. 8-14).

While I believe EPA knew that she had been involved in inspecting the Pebble exploration (to which there is a reference at pp. 123 - 131 of the attached), I did not know about the current contract and am unsure whether EPA did either. Obviously, the peer review should be unbiased as well as rigorous, and thus we ask that you take this info into account.

Sincerely,
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